

WJZ-TV
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Station WJZ-TV, licensed to CBS Television Licenses LLC, is responsive to the principal issues in its community of license, Baltimore, Maryland on a continuing basis. A variety of program elements, including regularly scheduled news and public affairs programming, reports on breaking news events, documentaries, specials, and public service announcements of concern to the community are included within our regular programming service. WJZ-TV's coverage of news stories, our employees' participation in community affairs, and regular interviews with community leaders have led to the determination that the issues listed are ones of importance to the Baltimore community. Our most significant programming, which dealt with current community issues during the preceding three-month period, are set forth in this report. WJZ-TV broadcasts both locally-produced and network programming. Although we include only local programs herein, WJZ-TV also broadcasts several network broadcasts including FACE THE NATION, 60 MINUTES, CBS REPORTS and 48 HOURS.

PROGRAM INDEX

CONSUMER WATCH

WJZ reporters cover consumer interest topics. These reports air in the 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

HEALTHWATCH

WJZ's reporters discuss health issues and interview experts and patients to deliver information on the latest advances in health for our 4pm, 5pm and 6pm newscasts.

SPECIAL REPORTS

Locally produced special reports, focusing on community issues, local lifestyle trends and local personality profiles. These air in the 4pm, 5pm, 6pm and 11pm newscasts.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS OUTREACH

Relevant projects launched by community organizations to benefit area residents.

ON TIME

A half-hour, Sunday morning public affairs program that airs at 6:30AM, focusing on leaders, issues and events, affecting the Baltimore community.

HEALTH

Eyewitness News

10/1 The Centers for Disease Control reports 84 people have now been infected with Listeria linked to cantaloupes from a farm in Colorado. Now a Maryland family who lost a family member is suing the farm.

10/3 Charm City residents lace up their sneakers to promote good health. It's all in an effort to get fit, physically and mentally.

10/4 Complications from diabetes is the official cause of death for beloved former Raven Orlando Brown. More Marylanders than ever are at risk for the potentially deadly disease.

10/5 An unlikely connection between critical shortages of life saving drugs and the University of Maryland women's basketball coach. Baltimore Congressman Elijah Cummings is taking action after hearing the story of Coach Brenda Freese's son who has leukemia and can't get the medicine he needs to stay alive.

10/6 Doctors say Steve Jobs was fortunate as he lived with pancreatic cancer much longer than most. In Healthwatch, a local survivor says many diagnoses come too late.

10/7 A drastic change is recommended for prostate cancer screening. Tonight we spoke with local doctors about the controversial announcement that could affect millions of men.

10/8 A new effort to lower Baltimore's high infant mortality rate. The city has a new campaign designed to clean the air for pregnant women and their babies.

10/9 Despite new controversial medical recommendations to avoid prostate cancer screenings, the service was offered for free today in Baltimore and dozens of men took advantage.

10/12 Tossing out the tough guy image for some pink. That's what dozens of construction workers are doing for breast cancer awareness month.

10/13 A doctor tells you that you have amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or ALS, Lou Gehrig's disease. There is no treatment, no cure and death comes swiftly. The Baltimore writer, teacher and journalist Dudley Clendenin received that diagnosis less than a year ago. He is still alive and his life is now being followed by readers and listeners around the world.

10/14 The next time you hold your cell phone up to your face, you may want to think twice. Now a new study finds your phone could be contaminated with harmful bacteria.

10/17 A shocking health announcement today for a long time local newsman. WBAL radio talk show host Ron Smith is fighting stage four pancreatic cancer.

10/18 Today the Baltimore Health Department was awarded with a \$100,000 check from the EPA for their work in promoting children's health.

10/18 A day after the stunning announcement by a popular local radio host that he has stage 4 pancreatic cancer finds many who are wondering about the disease. In Healthwatch, a closer look at the symptoms and possible breakthroughs in treatment.

10/20 Latinos are the fastest growing ethnic group in the country and in Baltimore but many of them are not getting the healthcare they need. Now the city is trying to fix the problem.

10/24 Baltimore is joining the countrywide push for healthy eating on National Food Day. Tonight more on how the city hopes to encourage residents to make smarter eating choices.

10/25 Back on American soil. A researcher working in the South Pole is in Baltimore getting the emergency help she needs after suffering a stroke.

10/27 The number one drug Marylanders abuse isn't crack, cocaine or heroin, its prescription pain killers. One small Maryland town is at the center of this alarming epidemic.

10/28 Two months after suffering a stroke in the South Pole, the researcher who made international headlines speaks about her treatment at Johns Hopkins.

10/30 Baltimore native Montel Williams wants the US to learn a few things from Israel when it comes to medical marijuana.

11/2 The medical expertise of Maryland's Shock Trauma Center is at work in Afghanistan. Physician in Chief Thomas Scalea returns from a trip to assess the training military health care professionals get right here in Baltimore.

11/8 The Health Department confirms that Legionnaire's Disease has been found at a nursing home in North Baltimore.

11/10 A Maryland man collapses near the finish line of the Baltimore Half Marathon. Hear about the incredible race to save his life.

11/11 In Healthwatch, a local man's journey across the world to find a cure for his cancer. It turns out the cure is as rare as his disease.

11/14 Don't be surprised if one of Baltimore's most famous landmarks looks a little different tonight. In honor of World Diabetes Day, city officials say the Washington Monument in Mount Vernon will light up blue this evening.

11/16 It's known as binge in a can. Now there's a new warning about the dangerous serving size of Four Loko cans.

11/17 Many of us have to deal with pain as we age, but how can you tell when it's time to see the doctor? Tonight we Ask the Experts about baby boomer injuries.

11/18 The state launches a campaign to stop teens from lighting up flavored cigars.

11/21 A new Maryland law is opening up family planning services to thousands of women and teens. These big changes are expected to save lives.

11/23 Howard County police are now loaded with life-saving gear including automatic external defibrillators or A-E-D's.

11/29 Will Ray Lewis be back in the line up on Sunday? A bad case of "Turf Toe" is keeping him sidelined. In Healthwatch, it's a tricky condition that has actually ended some football careers.

11/30 In the 30 years since AIDs and HIV was diagnosed in America, Baltimore has seen its new infection rate climb to be the 5th worst in the country. But now some are looking to fight back in a big way.

12/1 In the three decades since the HIV and AIDS epidemic began in America Baltimore and Maryland have seen their rates of new infections climb to among the worst in the nation. Today on World Aids Day a large group from Coppin State tried to make a big difference.

12/2 In Healthwatch, is a popular movie making people sick? That's the claim tonight by Maryland based Epilepsy Foundation about the latest Twilight movie. One scene is apparently triggering seizures in certain people.

12/4 Turns out getting your head in the game may not be such a good thing. Soccer players who head the ball could be putting their brain at serious risk.

12/8 If you want to quit smoking, the task is a lot tougher here in Maryland. According to the American Lung Association, the state ranks third worst because of the lack of help it offers to smokers.

12/9 If you feel like you have a hard time remembering everything, you're not alone. Doctors right here in Baltimore have some helpful memory tips.

12/14 The holiday season can bring with it many moments of joy, but police also see a dark side of the stresses these times can produce so they're bringing some solutions to your attention.

12/20 If the holiday season inspires your teen to head to the tanning salon, take note. The Maryland State Medical Society is asking the General Assembly to keep people under the age of 18 out of tanning beds.

12/28 The Maryland Healthcare Commission wants the state to crack down on cardiac stent surgeries.

12/29 In tonight's Healthwatch report, more health help for Maryland children. The state is getting another \$28 million from the federal government to pay for children's health insurance.

12/30 The seasonal flu officially arrives in Maryland with the first confirmed case diagnosed in an adult in the Baltimore area.

ON TIME

October 2 – Gigi Barnett talks with Gloria Jetter and Penny Graf about breast cancer and health disparities. They discuss how African American and Latino women do not have the same access to care that Caucasian women do and how this increases their chances of dying from Breast Cancer.

October 2 - Gigi Barnett talks with medicine hunter and author of The Five Tibetans, Chris Kilham, about his work with native people and their use of natural plant substances to cure many different types of illnesses. He explains how he tracks down native people living off the land in places like the Amazon rainforest to South Pacific islands and researches their use of nature's products as their source of medicine.

October 9 - Kai Jackson talks with representatives from the American Heart Association about heart disease in the African American community. They discuss why businesses should encourage their employees to adopt a healthier lifestyle and how it benefits the corporate bottom line.

October 23 - Kai Jackson talks with Cass Naugle and Ernestine Jones Jolivet about advances in the diagnosis and treatment of Alzheimer's Disease. They discuss how this disease is more prevalent in the African American community and how they are partnering with urban churches to increase awareness.

October 23 & December 4 - Tom Leitzer tells Kai Jackson how his program provides healthcare services to low income families. He discusses eligibility requirements and services covered. His managed care program also provides free health seminars to community and church groups.

November 13 - HIV/AIDS has become a health issue for a new segment of the population – senior citizens. Anna Fowlkes, an HIV/AIDS prevention advocate, tells Kai Jackson how she contracted the virus while she was in her 50's after returning to the dating scene after her husband died. She stresses the need for everyone to get tested for HIV and know their status in addition to using protection to stop the spread of the disease.

November 13 - There are healthy foods that can help the heart by cleaning it of cholesterol and other toxins that lead to heart disease. Pharmacist Sherry Torkos tells Kai Jackson why she co-authored Saving Women's Lives along with a cardiologist as a tool for women to improve their heart health. Certain foods like using palm oil instead of other types of oils while cooking, tomatoes, foods with plant sterols are all beneficial for the heart.

November 20 - Kai Jackson talks with Lainy LeBow-Sachs, Bill and Courtney Toomey about the Festival of Trees and how the event's proceeds benefits the children and families in their developmental disabilities programs. Bill Toomey explains why BB&T bank is involved the community and specifically Kennedy Krieger Institute. They discuss how Kennedy Krieger has an international reputation for working with the best doctors and researches on children's developmental disabilities.

November 20 - Kent McKinney, the executive director of the Maryland Health Insurance Plan, tells Kai Jackson how this state program was set up in the early 2000's by the Maryland legislature to provide healthcare to Marylanders who have lost or been denied health coverage due to a preexisting condition. He also discusses the senior prescription program that helps the elderly afford their medications.

December 4 - Kai Jackson talks with Jessica Gilbert and Stephanie Teagle about lupus, its symptoms and treatment options. Ms. Teagle describes what it is like to live with lupus for the last 20 years. Many members of her family have this disease and several have succumbed to its complications. Lupus disproportionately affects African American women.

December 4 - Representatives from Gilchrist Hospice Care tell Kai Jackson that hospice provides palliative care to those at end of life. Their program addresses the needs of patients as well as their family members. The earlier the

family seeks help, the more they are able to take advantage of all the programs that Gilchrist has to offer. Nurse Brenda Blunt tells Kai Jackson how caring for dying children is very different than caring for terminally ill adults.

December 25 - Kai Jackson talks with Drs. Jay Perman and Yvette Rooks about the childhood obesity epidemic that affects 1 in 3 children in the nation. They discuss factors – from the lack of physical activity, lack of fresh vegetables and fruit and heredity that affect weight gain in children. They discuss a new statewide initiative to reverse this trend through the Institute for a Healthiest Maryland that uses academic research coupled with techniques to address the obesity problem.

CONSUMER/ECONOMY/JOB/LOCAL POLITICAL ISSUES

Eyewitness News

10/1 Reckless driving, texting behind the wheel and sharing the road with cyclists. The state has brand new road rules and they start this weekend.

10/3 A new campaign to win over supporters of same sex marriage in Maryland. A bill came very close to passing last session but this time it has the Governor's muscle behind it.

10/4 Maryland voters appear closely divided on the question of legalizing same sex marriage. A new poll indicates strong views on both sides.

10/5 Plagued by crime, drugs and vacant buildings, one East Baltimore community is taking steps to make its streets safer. It's a plan for housing that's on the fast track.

10/7 The "Occupy" movement gains traction nationwide and here in Baltimore fighting for jobs and the middle class. Demonstrators are still camped out tonight at the Inner Harbor.

10/15 Hundreds hit the streets to highlight the need for jobs in the United States.

10/17 Governor Martin O'Malley is also getting a jump on a jobs creation plan that could include raising taxes.

10/18 Lawmakers continue the debate over a possible gas tax increase. Governor O'Malley is pitching it as part of a jobs creation package. Tonight reaction from drivers.

10/18 Maryland's General Assembly is holding a special legislative session to approve a new map for the state's eight congressional seats.

10/19 Who can you vote for in 2012? You may have to look it up. Maryland's new congressional district map gets approval in the House of Delegates after the senate passed it yesterday.

10/20 Major cuts coming for employees of Northrop Grumman as nearly 800 people, mostly in Maryland, will lose their jobs by the end of January.

10/20 Governor O'Malley signs a new Maryland congressional district map into law setting the stage for a fight over a congressional seat long-held by a western Maryland Republican.

10/21 More people are out of a job in Maryland. The state's unemployment rate went up again in September to 7.4 percent.

10/24 Defending a prominent politician against bribery charges. Today Maryland's Lieutenant Governor testifies on behalf of State Senator Ulysses Currie.

10/25 Talk of slashing federal budgets may have the ax falling elsewhere in Maryland, but not the Coast Guard Yard in Baltimore. Workers there received some very welcome news from Uncle Sam.

10/27 Marylanders expect to vote on tuition breaks for undocumented students in next year's general election. But continuing challenges to the petition that put the law on referendum could change that.

10/30 Jurors will soon deliberate the fate of a Maryland state senator accused of taking bribes.

10/31 Short sales keep the homeowner from a foreclosure and saves the bank the costs incurred in foreclosing. But buyers, sellers and brokers think this the process is unnecessarily slow.

11/1 A civil rights champion speaks out in support of same sex marriage in Maryland. The former chairman of the NAACP is impacting the marriage equality debate.

11/4 More fallout about unpaid bills owed by Baltimore Racing Development, the company that organized the Baltimore Grand Prix and the debts appear to be mounting.

11/6 Governor Martin O'Malley hits the Sunday national talks shows defending President Obama's job plan.

11/7 A massive die off of oysters in the Chesapeake is placing livelihoods on the brinks. Some watermen are already calling it quits.

11/7 Baltimore City voters go to the polls tomorrow to elect top city officials but voter turnout is expected to be light.

11/8 It's Election Day in Baltimore City. WJZ found some voters out casting their ballots this afternoon but turnout is very low.

11/9 Desperate to free him, the family of a Maryland man imprisoned in Cuba is turning up the pressure in Washington where there are fears that Alan Gross could die behind bars.

11/11 Another unpaid bill for the Baltimore Grand Prix and city residents could end up writing the check. The race organizers have missed the deadline for replacing trees that were cut down for the race.

11/12 The newest transit line in Baltimore is expected to carry 57,000 people a day on a path from near Security Mall to Bayview Hospital. Now a broad coalition is trying to make sure local people get jobs along the way.

11/13 Baltimore postal workers take a stand against proposed cutbacks.

11/14 A boost in the city's bottle tax. Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake calls for a tax increase to help pay for school construction... but the plan is being met with some resistance.

11/16 Governor Martin O'Malley is pushing Congress to repeal a federal law denying benefits to same sex partners.

11/18 President Obama orders immigration officials to stop deporting illegal immigrants in Baltimore. The city is a test location for a new policy.

11/21 Acquitted in court, State Senator Ulysses Currie could still lose his seat in the Maryland General Assembly.

11/22 Painting a national picture with a Maryland brush former Governor Bob Ehrlich writes a book on today's political and social culture, taking on 2012 presidential election issues.

11/27 Just hours from now, a former top aide to Republican Governor Bob Ehrlich heads to trial on charges he broke the law trying to get Ehrlich re-elected using those now infamous election night robocalls.

11/29 Maryland sends the largest ever state delegation from the US to India, with a goal of bringing jobs back home.

11/29 Opening arguments today in the case against the man who ran Bob Ehrlich's campaign for governor. He's one of two men accused in last year's robocall controversy on election night.

11/30 A key witness takes the stand in the election night robocall controversy. The woman who recorded the call talks about how everything unfolded.

12/1 Former Governor Bob Ehrlich testifies in the trial of his former campaign manager who is accused in last year's election night robocalls.

12/5 The way our water usage is measured is getting a major upgrade. Thousands of homes in Baltimore city and county are getting new water meters.

12/5 Jury deliberations are underway in the trial of Paul Schurick, the former top aide to Governor Ehrlich accused of trying to suppress the vote during last year's governor's race.

12/6 Guilty on all counts. A Baltimore jury convicts Paul Schurick for conspiring to suppress the black vote in the 201 gubernatorial election.

12/6 It's moving day for an East Baltimore family whose new home was built thanks in part to some Orioles wives. Women helping women made it possible.

12/6 The new Maryland Casino is hoping to put more than 1,500 people to work. Maryland Live Casino at Arundel Mills is opening up applications today to fill certain management positions.

12/7 One day after Paul Schurick is found guilty of election fraud, many are wondering how the case will impact Maryland politics.

12/9 The debate over medical marijuana in Maryland takes a new twist. The work group assigned to determine how to administer it cannot agree on a single plan.

12/10 Across the world more than half a million people have been able to buy homes thanks to Habitat for Humanity. Now, the Baltimore affiliate has reached a milestone of its own.

12/14 Maryland Senator Ben Cardin proposes penalties for political campaigns that try to deceive voters. Cardin takes pages from Maryland's book to apply to federal elections.

12/17 It's the second day of a hearing at Fort Meade to determine whether Bradley Manning will stand trial for leaking thousands of classified documents to the website Wikileaks.

12/19 A renewed effort to do away with the death penalty in Maryland. Tonight groups pushing for a repeal join forces as lawmakers get ready to take up the issue at this winter's General Assembly.

12/20 Good news tonight on the local job front. Maryland's unemployment rate drops below 7 percent as more people get back to work.

12/21 Maryland's Board of Public Works approves \$168,000 in spending to lease slot machines for the future casino at Arundel Mills Mall.

12/22 It's been said find a job you love and you'll never work a day in your life. Keep that in mind as we head to Camden Yards with a once in a lifetime job opportunity.

12/23 The Maryland State House reveals its 800-thousand dollar makeover. It's the latest renovation to the oldest working state government capitol in the country and Annapolis residents are pleased with the new look.

12/28 Hundreds of employees at the Sparrows Point steel mill are out of a job for several months

12/28 The down economy is taking a big toll on Maryland homeowners with home values in the state falling an average of 17% since 2008.

12/29 Maryland lawmakers will soon be gearing up for another legislative session and the state's governor says those lawmakers will need courage to consider possible tax increases.

12/30 The City of Baltimore has just terminated the contract with Baltimore Racing Development, the group behind the Grand Prix for failing to pay its debts.

ON TIME

October 16 - Gigi Barnett talks with representatives from the Bar Association of Baltimore City about their lawyer referral services and elderly legal services. According to the Bar Representatives, the majority of people who are calling their hotline for help concern problems with housing foreclosure issues.

October 23 - Eddie Brown, founder and president of Brown Capital Management tells Gigi Barnett how his humble beginnings did not limit his potential. His early years laid the ground work for his love of entrepreneurial spirit. Virgie Williams discusses why they selected Eddie Brown to talk to the students at the Baltimore City Community College's author's lecture series. Eddie Brown's book, *Beating the Odds: Eddie Browns Investing and Life Strategies*, looks at how he overcame being born to a 13 year old unwed mother and how he was influenced to become a philanthropist from an anonymous donor who funding his college education at Howard University.

December 11 - Gigi Barnett talks with Patrick Preller about the differences between credit cards and debit cards. He explains the different legal protections for each type of card and offers guidelines on how to avoid having your credit card or debit card numbers stolen. He discusses how easy it is during the holidays to have your credit/debit cards stolen and how a debit card loss will freeze your bank account while a credit card doesn't affect your checking account balance.

December 11 - The Fuel Fund of Maryland was the first program in the country to assist low income & senior citizens with energy costs. The president of Fuel Fund, Marnell Cooper tells Gigi Barnett how the program is helping more people than ever and that 50% of those they help are children. He discusses 2 opportunities for people to help by responding to a request inside their BGE bill and by attending an upcoming benefit performance of *The Nutcracker*.

December 18 - Kai Jackson talks with Pat Bernstein and Renard Lewis about their program, *Stocks in the Future*, that introduces Baltimore City middle school students to the concept of saving, investing and the stock market. The curriculum incorporates math – formulas, ratios – in analyzing business portfolios and stocks. Students who participate in the program attend school more often, get better grades and when they graduate and turn 18 have a portfolio of stocks that they've purchased through the program.

EDUCATION

Eyewitness News

10/4 A Maryland elementary school student is receiving a chorus of support from his classmates. Brandon Carboni was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and now his young friends at school are doing something extraordinary.

10/6 In WJZ's Schoolwatch it's something students see often, now a new nationwide campaign designed to wipe out bullying is unveiled in Maryland schools. It's happening now because October is Anti-Bullying Prevention Month.

10/7 He's been in charge of one of the largest school systems in the country for more than a decade. Now Dr. Joe Hairston says his current contract will be his last.

10/8 All across the nation, cash strapped school districts are turning to volunteers and corporations for help. One inner city school is the center of attention for many different groups today.

10/11 A local charter school is once again being recognized for its dedication to healthy education and now Hampstead Hill students are headed to the White House.

10/12 Safer streets for students who walk to school... it's what city school leaders will get thanks to a two million dollar federal grant.

10/14 The superintendent of Baltimore County schools finally speaks out about his decision to step down. Tonight what's next for Dr. Joe Hairston.

10/15 Schools on the chopping block. A new plan from Baltimore City schools CEO Dr. Andres Alonso includes closing at least a dozen schools in the next two years.

10/17 Giving special children the help they need. After two years of planning, the Cool Kids Campaign is ready to tutor young students living with cancer.

10/21 Tuition boosts from helping hearts. Tonight the Archdiocese hosted its annual gala for Catholic schools, hoping to raise \$700,000 in tuition assistance.

10/25 Countering an epidemic. A Harford County school takes a compassionate approach to bullying inspired by a murder victim.

10/26 Living in luxury while in college... that will be the answer to a moldy, smelly problem at St. Mary's College of Maryland where a rented cruise ship will be turned into a dorm.

10/28 Hundreds of local elementary students are learning to love vegetables by preparing them themselves. In Schoolwatch, a new food program inspired by chef Julia Child.

10/31 Hundreds of college students will spend the rest of their semester sleeping on a cruise ship... it's all because of a huge mold problem at St. Mary's College.

11/1 Maryland's public school students make greater gains on a national standardized test than their peers in nearly every other state.

11/11 How the Baltimore County public school system is spending money is being questioned after the superintendent allows millions of dollars to be spent on a new curriculum and textbooks.

11/13 The president of UMBC takes the national spotlight as 60 Minutes profiles the life and work of Dr. Freeman Hrabowski.

11/14 Reading toward success is the message from pediatric neurosurgeon Dr. Ben Carson for thousands of Baltimore County students today.

11/15 Cutting popular sports that's the proposal tonight at the University of Maryland College Park to solve some serious budget problems but students and alumni are not going down without a fight.

11/16 High honors for one Baltimore County high school. Towson Principal Dr. Jane Barranger was in Washington this week to accept the National Blue Ribbon Award.

11/16 Getting kids to go to class. It's a challenge for many schools but one Baltimore County elementary school has boosted its attendance record thanks to some volunteers.

11/22 Baltimore City introduces a new program and it could mean weekend classes for some students.

11/23 High school accomplishment brought some high level recognition in Howard County. Its coursework designed to open doors, long after the last school bell rings.

11/28 A high school band member from Ellicott City receives a top honor from the Army allowing her to participate in the All American Bowl.

11/29 Maryland taxpayers have contributed more than \$300,000 to Coppin State University. It's an investment to help raise graduation rates at the school which are among the lowest in the state.

12/2 The Baltimore County school board has hired a national search firm to help find a new superintendent.

12/5 As public funds continue to tighten, public schools feel the squeeze. But today, there's a bit of relief. Private dollars are beginning to make the unaffordable affordable.

12/6 Today the NFL awarded 32 schools across the nation with a \$10,000 grant for health and wellness programs. In Baltimore one of the Raven's favorite players got to do the honors.

12/7 It's report card day for Baltimore city schools. Students rank below the national average but they're still making some important progress.

12/9 Two University of Maryland campuses will not be merging into one. The University's Board of Regents unanimously voted not to merge the College Park campus with its campus in Baltimore.

12/16 Maryland's Department of Education will receive an infusion of cash from the federal government as part of the Race to the Top program.

12/21 The Federal Government says there are 337 languages spoken in the United States and the 12th most popular is Arabic. There's a new pilot program in Anne Arundel County that teaches Arabic culture.

12/26 A new study shows school suspensions are sky rocketing in Baltimore County.

ON TIME

October 23 - Gigi Barnett talks with Dr. Joe Hairston about his decision not to seek another term as superintendent of Baltimore County Public Schools. He discusses his accomplishments over the past 12 years that he headed the 26th largest public school system in the county. Advances in student achievements as measured on test scores and in the number of students taking advanced placement courses. He also cited the large number of students who go to college as validation of his education priorities.

November 27 - Dr. Maxine Wood, a researcher from the Center for Social Organization of Schools at Johns Hopkins University, talks to Kai Jackson about education reform and national programs to track student progress beginning at the elementary school level. She discusses and upcoming education forum open to the public and featuring nationally renowned education experts.

COMMUNITY

Eyewitness News

10/1 In the wake of Al-Awlaki's death, American Muslims are trying to distance themselves from their violent counterparts overseas and they're trying to do just that here in Baltimore.

10/2 It's a block party that puts all others to shame. The Ultimate Block Party took over Rash Field in the Inner Harbor for a day of family fun.

10/3 The first slots casino to open in the state is now at the center of a controversy. A proposal to build a 175 foot sign is dividing the community.

10/5 Beginning tomorrow Baltimore will be celebrating all things beer. Charm City has a rich history of beer making in what we proudly call the land of pleasant living.

10/6 If you were in Reservoir Hill today you saw a lot of people working very hard. Volunteers are creating a farm and community garden in one of Baltimore's most historic neighborhoods.

10/7 It's been gone for two years but Baltimore's Columbus Day parade is back and the folks in Little Italy couldn't be more proud.

10/11 It's not Sunday but area school children still got a good look at some of their favorite Ravens players. They were on hand for the Ravens Play 60 challenge combating childhood obesity.

10/12 The Baltimore Grand Prix returns next Labor Day weekend. Tonight more on what if anything will change for next year.

10/13 He's one of the biggest names on the Food Network now famous chef Bobby Flay is opening a burger joint in College Park.

10/14 He's made guitars for some of the best musicians in the world including Carlos Santana and Bon Jovi and now you have the chance to own a guitar made by the Eastern Shore's legendary Paul Reed Smith.

10/15 For the 11th time, 25,000 runners criss-crossed the streets of Baltimore today. City residents came through when runners in the Baltimore Marathon needed it the most.

10/16 A record breaking fundraiser in the fight against breast cancer. Today, thousands of people in Baltimore raised half a million dollars.

10/18 Breaking a sweat with the Ravens. Dozens of students spent the day exercising on M&T Bank Field as part of a national initiative.

10/19 Millions of Americans turn to hospice for ailing family members. Now, the Hospice Service in Howard County is raising money to pay for its new care center.

10/20 A 12 year battle to close a Howard County animal rescue comes to an end this week... but the neighbors still want the wildlife sanctuary gone.

10/22 As the weather starts to cool, Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake launches her fall clean up. The neighborhood sweep comes around twice a year.

10/23 An emotional day for The Human Vacuum Cleaner - Brooks Robinson. He finally got to see his statue unveiled outside Camden Yards.

10/25 Preview of A Harvest of Hope for Children event to raise over \$60,000 dollars for CASA of Baltimore County to provide an advocate for children who've been removed from their parents' or guardians' care.

10/26 A powerful grass roots group is calling on Baltimore's mayor to reverse her decision to allow non-profits to run some of the 55 city recreation centers.

10/27 A year in two theaters of war ends in an emotional homecoming for members of Maryland's National Guard.

10/28 It's open enrollment right now for seniors and their Medicare prescription D plans and it can be confusing. Tonight in Ask the Expert there's help understanding the senior prescription drug assistance program in Maryland.

11/5 It's the end of an era for Obrycki's Crab House. After 65 years, the Pratt Street location is closing its doors for good today.

11/7 She's giving up the "Hon..." or at least the word. Café Hon owner Denise Whiting says she's decided to give up her controversial trademark on the word "Hon."

11/8 The Ravens once again show they're great on and off the field by giving back to the community. Today they handed out winter gear to some deserving fans.

11/11 America's military men and women are being honored in Maryland on this Veteran's Day. Vets who attended the city's annual parade and service at War Memorial Plaza spoke out today.

11/15 Giving back to the community. Several Ravens are spending their day off today helping families in need by giving out Thanksgiving baskets.

11/16 They are two of the Navy's smallest ships, but they arrive in Baltimore ahead of what will be a major convoy. Tonight, why dozens of ships are headed our way.

11/17 Honoring 200 years of Baltimore history. The city today unveiled plans for a maritime festival to commemorate the bicentennial of the War of 1812.

11/18 Many Ravens are giving back to the community this holiday season. Ed Reed is at a school handing out Thanksgiving meals.

11/19 Thanksgiving plans are underway and the holidays are just around the corner. In Baltimore County, it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas.

11/21 Thanksgiving is just a few days away and volunteers at Bea Gaddy are preparing for their annual holiday feast.

11/22 Our area and Maryland's DC suburbs are about to be connected like never before when a new multi-billion dollar toll road opens. Tonight, the Inter-County Connector's impact on Baltimore.

11/23 Goodwill volunteers are serving up turkey dinners to those in need today. Thousands received a free holiday meal.

11/24 A decades long local Thanksgiving tradition lives on. This year marks the 30th annual Bea Gaddy Thanks for Giving Feast.

11/25 The three day Festival of Trees at the State Fairgrounds opened its doors today on a winter wonderland.

11/27 A new reading room at the Enoch Pratt Free Library hopes to spur learning.

11/28 With the big shopping weekend behind us, Baltimore is pulling out its holiday lights. Tonight Charm City's getting national recognition for some of the best displays anywhere.

11/29 Getting kids active and keeping them out of trouble... that's the goal of a new field in Southeast Baltimore. We were there are the Ravens helped kick off a new campaign.

11/29 The holidays will be a little warmer thanks to one Baltimore church and its parishioners. They're reaching out to the homeless and the needy this holiday season.

11/30 Baltimore city's rec centers are in jeopardy tonight. With no money to pay, the city wants to turn control over to private companies.

12/1 Crowds are filling Mount Vernon tonight to see the Washington Monument illuminated.

12/4 The Baltimore mayor is kicking off Christmas in style with the 42nd Annual Mayor's Christmas Parade.

12/5 Development is booming in Locust Point and at the center of it is McHenry Row. Tonight more on what this latest project means for the area.

12/6 She takes the oath for the second time, but today Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings Blake takes part in her very first inauguration ceremony.

12/7 Baltimore police help bring a little holiday cheer to a group of city school children with the Shop with a Cop program.

12/8 Their husbands may be stars on the field, but the Lady Ravens also do their part to support Baltimore. Today they teamed up with the Salvation Army.

12/9 Tomorrow marks the 112th time the Army and Navy football teams have met on the field. Today a week of pep rallies were capped by one of the newest traditions at the Academy.

12/10 Evening the odds... on that chance that fewer guns mean fewer shootings, a Baltimore church is paying people to turn in their guns. This one small effort could be saving lives.

12/12 A public private partnership is bringing much needed funding to our nation's parks. Today in Baltimore, a major announcement from Toyota, showing its commitment to more than just building cars.

12/13 Holiday magic today... Orioles style. The team hosted its annual holiday party, this time for dozens of students from City Springs Elementary School.

12/14 A setback in the reorganization of recreation centers in Baltimore. Under a controversial plan some centers would be turned over to private operators but today city officials cancelled the vote.

12/16 Christmas comes early for dozens of Baltimore area families. Instead of struggling to afford gifts, anonymous donors have granted their Christmas wishes.

12/19 Supporting the men and women of the sea is the mission of Baltimore's Seafarers Center which spread Christmas cheer this year.

12/20 Baltimore's Jewish community is celebrating the first night of Hanukkah. The 8 day festival of lights will feature a lot of activities including a Baltimore tradition.

12/21 Get ready for another New Years Eve spectacular. The city has found sponsors to support the fireworks show and there's a new plan for the night that includes enhanced security.

12/22 For more than half a century families have been going to the holiday train garden at the Glen Avenue fire station. Tonight, more on this great tradition in Northwest Baltimore.

12/23 It's the season of giving and generous Marylanders are certainly getting in the spirit. Members of the Dorcus Free Will Baptist church handed out hundreds of Christmas gift baskets today to community members in need.

12/24 Volunteers in Baltimore City brighten the holidays for dozens of deserving children. 75 kids celebrated the holiday by picking out brand new bikes at the Cecil Kirk Rec Center.

12/26 The city known for its high murder rate is about to record the fewest homicides in 20 years. It's a big accomplishment for law enforcement who vowed to make Baltimore streets safer.

12/28 A free cab ride will be just a call away early on New Year's Day for people who need to get home safely. It's expected nearly 200 people will take advantage of the Topsy Taxi.

12/30 We are just one day away from the biggest party of the year as we ring in 2012 at Baltimore's Inner Harbor... and the city is working tirelessly to make sure it all goes off smoothly.

12/31 In just six hours, we will usher in a new year... and right now, thousands are flocking to Baltimore's Inner Harbor to catch a glimpse of the new year's eve special.

ON TIME

October 9 - The African American community has been reluctant to admit to and seek treatment for mental illness according to social worker and author of "Secret Place" Leslie J. Sherrod. She tells Kai Jackson how her book's main character deals with mental illness and seeks help from her churches' pastor.

October 9 - Steve Cline from The Partnership at Drugfree.org tells Kai Jackson about his organization's recent study that finds more young people are using marijuana, ecstasy and alcohol than in previous years. He discusses how his organization has resources available for parents in how to talk with their children about underage drinking and drug use include a hotline that can help those who do not have access to his website.

October 16 - October is domestic violence prevention month and representatives from Family and Children's Services discuss how this issue cuts across all boundaries including racial, geographic, sexual, and economic status. Representatives of Family and Children's Services discuss their counseling programs for both the victim and the abuser as well as emergency shelter for those who need an alternate place to live.

October 16 - CASA of Baltimore County provides trained volunteers who act as advocates/guardian angels for children who have been abused or neglected and have been removed from the home. Representatives from CASA explain that their volunteers are assigned to one child or a pair of siblings as opposed to social workers who manage multiple caseloads. Volunteers maintain close relations with their appointed child as they go through the legal system.

October 23 - The Black Male identity program of Art on Purpose is featuring a barbershop conversation with five photographers whose work is on display at the community barbershop. Troy Staton, who runs the barbershop, tells Kai Jackson why his business is the perfect place to bring art and discussion to the community.

October 23 - The Girl Scouts annual cookie drive not only provides funding for their many programs but is also a source of comfort for the men and women serving in the armed forces. Maria Johnson and Malerie Gamblin discuss the Stars and Strips program and how the troops are greeting returning servicemen and women with boxes of cookies. Malerie mentions that because her father is a green beret, she started a Patriotic Club that sends cookies and other items from home to those serving in Iran and Afghanistan.

November 6 - Kai Jackson talks with Jessica Turrall for founded Hand in Hand Baltimore, a program that helps teen males who have been charged with adult crimes turn their lives around. She explains how her program enrolls teens while they are in prison and mentors the young men, giving them options from going to college or enrolling in a trade school as opposed to returning to life on the street. In the two years that the program has begun none of the young men enrolled in their program have been back in jail. All are pursuing their education.

November 6 - Casey Baynes, the founder of the Casey Cares Foundation, explains to Kai Jackson how her foundation helps families with a child with terminal illness find happiness in the little things like fun pajamas for kids, special birthday parties and movies. Many children undergoing chemotherapy cannot go

to public locations because of their compromised immune systems so Casey Cares brings the events to them.

December 11 - Twenty-five years on the Baltimore City Police force has given retired cop and author Dick Ellwood many stories to document in his new book, *Cop Stories: The Few, The Proud, The Ugly*. He recalls some of his more embarrassing assignments in the vice squad during the early 1960's. He tells Gigi Barnett that his book is assigned reading to police rookies.

December 18 - Tracy Baskerville and Beth Laverick tell Kai Jackson about the city's plans to celebrate the holidays starting with nightly laser shows at the Power Plant and culminating with the New Year's Eve Spectacular with fireworks over the Inner Harbor.

December 18 - Bon Secours employees have been helping those less fortunate in the West Baltimore community surrounding their hospital for many years. This year, Sybil Woodard and Joanne Williams tell Kai Jackson how employees have purchased gifts and food for over 100 families.

ART & CULTURE

Eyewitness News

10/1 This area's longest running celebration of American crafts returns to the state fairgrounds this weekend with the Sugarloaf Craft Fair.

10/2 Purple pride shines through even from Hollywood. Tonight Baltimore native and longtime Ravens fan, actor Josh Charles cheered on his hometown team.

10/3 Baltimore native Josh Charles returns home this weekend to take in the Ravens game. It's something The Good Wife actor does a lot because like so many of us, he's an obsessed football fan.

10/4 Lights, camera, action! It's an HBO show called "Veep." It's the first major TV show since "The Wife" shooting in and around Baltimore.

10/5 It's considered to be one of the greatest Broadway musicals of all time. Now Rodgers and Hammerstein's South Pacific makes its debut at the Hippodrome. Tonight we sit down with two of the show's stars.

10/6 The Maryland Jockey Club knows all about racing and it's joined Susan G Komen by lighting Pimlico pink for breast cancer awareness month.

10/7 It's never too late for your close up. Edgar Allen Poe died 162 years ago today in Baltimore but is about to be resurrected by Hollywood.

10/9 Baltimore Colts legend and football hall of famer Gino Marchetti appears at the restaurant bearing his name.

10/10 He was one of the greatest players to ever wear a Baltimore Colts uniform. Tonight hundreds of fans turned out to greet Gino Marchetti at his newly opened restaurant in Towson.

10/12 Olympic superstar and Baltimore native Michael Phelps makes a big splash with his latest project... his new videogame was released today allowing you to compete with the world's fastest swimmer.

10/13 It's the music of Elton John like you've never heard it before. The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra kicks off its Super Pops series this weekend playing his greatest hits.

10/14 After a long delay, a memorial for Dr. Martin Luther King Junior will be officially dedicated in Washington DC on Sunday. Ahead of the ceremony, we speak with a Baltimore woman who was heavily influenced by Dr. King.

10/18 A Maryland businesswoman is teaming up with a nationally known photographer to help victims of domestic violence. The project is about photographs, footwear and a whole lot more.

10/19 Turning bubbles into smiles. Hundreds of autistic children got the experience of a lifetime today. An off Broadway show performed just for them.

10/22 Three decades after the National Aquarium filled up their tanks in Baltimore, its 45-millionth visitor walked through the doors.

10/25 Former Maryland Governor Bob Ehrlich can add author to his list of achievements having finished work on his new book.

10/26 Another celebrity steps up to back same sex marriage in Maryland... this one, an Oscar winning actress, Baltimore's own Mo'nique.

10/27 Opera is back in Baltimore years after the Baltimore Opera Company closed down. Now music is returning to a newly renovated stage at the Modell Performing Arts Center.

10/28 It's almost Halloween and there are plenty of parties all over Baltimore this weekend. If you don't have your costume yet, check out the place where you can find just what you need.

10/29 A magician risked his life high above the streets of Federal Hill last night. It's called The Jaws of Life and Spencer Horsman says it was his most dangerous feat yet.

11/2 The Broadway hit La Cage Aux Folles is taking over the Hippodrome and taking the stage in the lead role is none other than George Hamilton. We sat down with him today before the show.

11/4 26 years ago some eastern shore farmers and mechanics thought up a fun way to get rid of some extra Halloween pumpkins. Now, the Punkin Chunkin has grown into an event with a world-wide audience.

11/6 It's been a predictor of weather since 1818. Every year millions of people read the Farmer's Almanac so tonight a look at what it's predicting for Baltimore in this coming winter.

11/7 Soulful Symphony is known for its energy filled shows that mix the symphonic experience with American music. The group's success has earned it a spot at a Baltimore staple.

11/10 Before the civil rights movement, one local university was at the forefront. Today Morgan State is re-writing the history book.

11/15 A young child mummified over 200 years ago has returned to the University of Maryland. It wasn't missed until the mummy showed up on e-bay.

11/16 It's a Waterfront Life kicked off tonight. You can see the dazzling show light up the night on the side of the Power Plant building.

11/18 You've heard his name and seen thousands of his photos... A. Aubrey Bodine was the legendary photographer for the Baltimore Sun. You'll have a chance to buy some of his amazing images tomorrow in Towson.

11/21 A lot of star power at yesterday's Ravens Bengals game. Actor George Clooney spent some time at the stadium with former Raven Jonathan Ogden.

11/23 It's almost time for the annual Festival of Trees... a three day extravaganza of forests, gingerbread towns and toy train gardens benefitting Kennedy Krieger.

11/26 The curtain goes up on a Baltimore holiday tradition. Hundreds watched as the elaborate Christmas lights were switched on along 34th Street in Hampden tonight.

12/3 It's starting to look a lot like Christmas here in Baltimore... with the 24th annual Parade of Lighted Boats starting in Fells Point.

12/4 Two big stars reunite over a meal right here in Baltimore. Robert DeNiro joined longtime friend and fellow actor Chazz Palmineri for lunch at his new restaurant, Chazz, A Bronx Original.

12/6 It may be hard to believe, but the movie "Diner" is marking its 30th anniversary. Some of the cast and crew are returning to Baltimore for a big celebration.

12/7 A newly renovated theater at Johns Hopkins University is renamed for actor John Astin.

12/8 One of the most popular shows on and off Broadway is headed back to the Hippodrome. The Lion King has become an award winning musical worldwide.

12/9 The Baltimore Symphony Orchestra is bringing back a mega Christmas show as it once again teams up with European circus performers for the holiday Cirque de la Symphony.

12/10 Baltimore rolls out the red carpet to host some of Hollywood's elite. A fundraiser for the Maryland Film Festival celebrated the 30th anniversary of the comedy-drama "Diner" which is set in Baltimore.

12/11 One of the country's most popular comedians lends his star power to the Ravens tailgate scene.

12/12 You may remember Joe Flacco got married to his high school sweetheart over the summer. Tonight he confirms a report that his wife Dana is pregnant with their first child.

12/14 One special holiday train garden is representing a miniature Baltimore. Six levels and nine trains make up the Wise Avenue Train Garden in Dundalk.

12/15 It's a great way to brighten the season... a trip to the Rawlings Conservatory in Druid Hill Park. What's blooming there now will put you in a holiday mood.

12/16 Can another Baltimore movie make it on Broadway? We're about to find out when Barry Levinson bring Diner to the stage.

12/19 The Lion King roars into Baltimore delighting crowds at the Hippodrome through January. Tonight an inside look at what it takes to become one of the most popular characters in the musical.

12/21 Hundreds of people and puppets grace the Hippodrome stage in The Lion King. One of Broadway's longest running musicals is in town and the elaborate costumes help transport the audience to Africa.

12/27 Have you seen the light show at the Power Plant? It's an amazing 5 minute video and laser adventure and its creators are Baltimore natives.

12/29 As crews get the Inner Harbor prepped for Saturday's New Year's Eve party, the night's feature entertainment is getting ready to bring some funk to the stage. Here's more on what we can expect from the 8-Ohms Band.

ON TIME

October 2 - Free Fall Baltimore is an opportunity for everyone to experience and enjoy a wide variety of arts and cultural events – from clay making workshops to theatre productions – free of charge. Randi Vega and Randy Smith discuss the importance of getting new audiences to attend different cultural offerings. Nancy Linden tells Gigi Barnett about the Open Studio Tour – where patrons can see artists at work in their studios – that is included during Free Fall Baltimore during the month of October.

October 23 - Dr. Carla Hayden tells Kai Jackson about this year's Pratt Presents Literary Lifetime Achievement Award winner Larry McMurtry and his contribution as an author and screen playwright whose film, *Brokeback Mountain* won many awards. Earlier in his career he received a Pulitzer prize for his book, *Lonesome Dove*.

November 6 - The daughter of Cab Calloway, Camay Calloway Murphy and Evelyn Chatmon tell Kai Jackson about a new musical production entitled *Satchmo and Baby Dolly*. Co-written by Mrs. Murphy, this production examines the relationship between Louis Armstrong and Cab's older sister, Blanche Calloway. They discuss how these two performances benefit the Friends of the Arena Players.

November 13 - Kai Jackson talks with Kellie Meeleary about David Mamet's *American Buffalo*. She discusses how he uses street language to convey the grittiness of urban street life and living conditions. This production revolves around the themes of business and friendship.

November 27 - Kai Jackson talks with Dr. Michelle Wilkinson and Christin Chism about two new traveling exhibitions from the Smithsonian currently on view at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum. "*Beyond Baseball: The Life of Roberto Clemente*" examines the humanitarian works of the Latino baseball superstar whereas "*IndiVisible: African-Native American Lives in the Americas*" examines people who trace their roots to both ethnic groups.

November 27 - Park Ranger Angela Roberts-Burton dressed as Nancy Davis, a former slave of the Ridgely family, explains to Kai Jackson what the holidays were like at Hampton Mansion, the northernmost historic plantation in the National Park Service. She explains how the Yuletide Celebration at Hampton Mansion features decorations, foods and crafts from the middle 1800's. The three day event is free except for carriage rides that cost \$10.

December 25 - Nichole Bridges and Anne Mannix tell Kai Jackson about the Baltimore Museum of Art's new exhibition, "*Hand Held*" that African Art from the museum's permanent collection that features art-embellished personal items that were functional as well as beautiful. Combs, drinking vessels, vases and cloth are just some of the objects from 21 African countries featured in this showing. At the end of December, the museum will hold a Kwanzaa Family Day that reflects on the current exhibition.